

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A control point is provided with the function of forming an IP address list of UPnP devices providing a predetermined service, inquiring each UPnP device
5 on the IP address list about the list of IP addresses possessed by the UPnP device, and determining from a response to the inquiry an IP address to be used for the service. The UPnP device is provided with the function of responding to the inquiry from the
10 control point by sending back the response indicating the number of acquired IP addresses, the value of each IP address and the IP address to be used with priority, and freeing the IP addresses different from the IP address determined by the control point. An
15 erroneous operation by a user can therefore be avoided.